

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2, 7, 15 and 19-115 and amend the remaining claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) An isolated DNA segment encoding a murine MURF-1 polypeptide.

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3. (Amended) The DNA segment of claim 1, wherein the MURF-1 polypeptide has the sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

4. (Amended) The DNA segment of claim 3, wherein the MURF-1 DNA segment has the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, the MURF-2 DNA segment has the sequence of SEQ ID NO:3, and the MURF-3 DNA segment has the sequence of SEQ ID NO:5.

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6. (Amended) The DNA segment of claim 5, wherein the promoter is not a native MURF-1, MURF-2 or MURF-3 promoter.

10. (Amended) The DNA segment of claim 9, wherein the DNA segment is comprised within a viral vector.

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11. (Amended) The DNA segment of claim 10, wherein the DNA segment is comprised within a non-viral vector.

12. (Amended) A host cell comprising a DNA segment that encodes a murine MURF-1 polypeptide, wherein said DNA segment comprises a promoter heterologous to the murine MURF-1 coding region.